HOUSE No. 2621

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente for legislation to prohibit medical or scientific experiments in certain state hospitals and other medical facilities. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROHIBITING MEDICAL OR SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS IN STATE FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
- 2 the following section:—
- 3 Section 219. No state hospital, clinic, mental health facility,
- 4 mental retardation facility or any other medical care facility under
- 5 the control of any agency of the commonwealth shall conduct or
- 6 allow to be conducted any medical or scientific experiments on
- 7 any patient or resident thereof without judicial authority and
- 8 without informed written consent of the patient or his legal
- 9 guardian.